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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resumption of Food and Article Drops over the Balkan Satellites.

1. Pursuant to the request of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence this office prepared a memorandum detailing stockpiling availability [ ] of food items and materiel for subject use.

2. I delivered the memorandum to [ ] office together with a sample of the parachute, container sack, No. 2 cans, flour bag in aluminum foil container, needle and leaflet packets.

3. At the request of ADCI I displayed these items and discussed their utilization. ADCI stated that in his opinion the stockpiled flour was undoubtedly infested with weevils and that the needles and razor blades were very probably in a rusty condition. He indicated very strongly that were food and article drops to be resumed [ ] should take responsibility that no deteriorated foods or oxidized articles be sent into target areas.

4. ADCI expressed concern over botulism occurring among foods through imperfect canning process, but I was able to satisfy him, stressing that the types of dry foods utilized were not normally subject to septic deterioration.

5. ADCI inquired as to whether warning devices concerning possible tampering by enemy services were believed to invalidate the possibility of target individuals receiving adulterated food. I stated that, on the contrary, our attempts to warn recipients of such tampering constituted at best an attempt to minimize that possibility and that in our view successful tampering by enemy services was a calculated risk.

6. ADCI replied that in his view any warning of substitution or adulteration would be useless in the face of determined enemy action to render the articles unfit for human consumption and that he intended to present the matter to the PSB, bluntly stating the calculated risk involved.

7. ADCI stated that he was well pleased with the physical exhibit of the air drop materials which gave him basis for a more informed presentation at the PSB luncheon this date.

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